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| STATINTL | SUBJECT : Chip Comparators, Model 405AM & 405B |
| STATINTL | REFERENCES: a. letter #1237 dated 22 July 1966 letter #1249 dated 9 September 1966 |
| STATINTL | In accordance with our previous correspondence concerning the |
| | subject instruments, I wish to take this opportunity to express my concern |
| | with the results obtained from your organization to date. As yet, |
| | we do not have an operationally acceptable instrument in the 405AM |
| | in which you have incorporated numerous modifications. The operational |
| _ | acceptance of these instruments has deteriorated to the point that |
| | serious thought is being given to total rejection of the instruments |
| STATINTL | because ofinability thus far to make them operationally reliable. |

We are in urgent need of instrumentation such as the chip comparators, and have been seriously handicaped in our operation for a considerable period of time due to your failure to perform. Not only have we lost the capability of the instruments during this time, but it has also cost us considerable unproductive manpower in attempting to analysize the instrumentation failures and to support your personnel while they are on our premisses. As you are aware security imposes serious re-

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restrictions on us in regard. For example, your personnel have spent 19 mag days during the month of June at our facility attempting to correct the instruments deficiencies. This manpower expendature on your part has cost at least an equip manpower expendature on our behalf.

I am sure that your personnel are aware of the basic problems that exist in the instrument and there is no point in elaborating on them herein. However, it appears obvious to us that the problem is one of analyzing the total instrument in operational condition, and analysis of component parts at your plant is only partially successful.

It seems to us that there is no point in continuing this process of field analysis and modification and therefore request that appropriate arrangements be made to pull back at least two of the machines for inplant analysis in depth. We believe that the chip comparator has intrensic value and that with the proper analysis and correction, a highly successful instrument can be achieved.

We are vitally interested in making use of this equipment and protecting the Governments investment and take this opportunity to remind you that time is of the essence in rectifying this situation.

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